

November 9, 2006

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 9:00 a.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and Board member Williams attending. Board member Askren was not present. Others attending were Acting Fire Chief Reese; Supt. Givens; Comm. Epison; Chief Beloit; and Attorney Funkhouser.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Williams moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Williams moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Acting Fire Chief Reese stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated the EPA and IDEM make them do testing on their quality control procedures in the lab. He added the tests came back fine except one that was not accepted, it will be redone and resubmitted. He continued his report by stating he needs so many hours completed to maintain his license, and IWEA is putting a conference on in Indianapolis November 13-15, 2006, and he would like permission to attend and get his hours. He added he would like permission to take the city vehicle and use the city credit card.

Board member Williams asked if it is a one day conference ?

Supt. Givens replied no, Monday through Wednesday.

Board member Williams stated he has no problem with it.

Mayor Knowles agreed and added she thinks it is wonderful that he wants to continue getting his credit hours. She then moved permission to attend and use the city vehicle and credit card be given. Seconded by Board member Williams.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Givens added he would like to sign up for membership in the IWEA as well, it is \$54.

Supt. Givens continued his report by stating today they are digging on 714 College and hopefully it won't take too long to get that fixed. He added the other bigger dig they need to do on the other end of College will take some major work, as well as flushing of the line, it will be a big project. He went on to say the overhead door at the plant keeps coming off the track. He added they have tried numerous times to fix it but he feels he needs to call in a professional before the door falls and hits someone in the head. It needs fixed properly.

Board member Williams stated he agrees and added he has no problem with that.

Supt. Givens then stated today he is having a gentleman come down to meet with him on some security issues at the plant. He stated there are people at the plant working eight hours a day, but then there are 16 hour of the day that no one is there. He added he would like to possibly have some security cameras installed showing the gate and the outside of he plant.

Mayor Knowles asked if his pager still goes off when there is an alarm at the plant ?

Supt. Givens replied yes, that is the telemetry. He then stated he has been told that for around \$1,500 one can get some decent security, but for around \$3,000 one can get a good security system.

Board member Williams asked if has looked into any Homeland Security grants for this project ?

Mayor Knowles added he should get in contact with Larry Robb and check it out, it won't hurt to ask.

Board member Williams stated the security system is a good idea, he would just prefer he check with Mr. Robb first.

Supt. Givens replied he can do that and added that when the gentleman comes down today, maybe he can give him some pointers as well.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Epison stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

Board member stated the street department is doing a good job on the leaf pick up.

Comm. Epison agreed and added he really appreciates all of the hard work on that from the guys at the department.

Mayor Knowles added they are also caught up.

Chief Beloit stated he would like to request an Executive Session concerning some issues with the police department and the reserve force.

Board agreed and added they would decide on a date after the meeting.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any Legals ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles state under New Business, she has request from the American Legion to close off 3rd Street in front of the coliseum on Veteran's Day at 5:00 p.m. for their annual flag burning. She asked that the street department provide barricades.

Board member Williams moved permission to block the street be given. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Givens stated, from a previous meeting, Countrymark's sewer tap in complete. He added all of the information was turned in and the tap was made, it is totally complete.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer